

FARMER FOULY SLAIN

NEGRO CHARGED WITH MURDER OF ELIHU MOYE.

PROMINENT FLORENCE FARMER

Four Loads From Shotgun Find Lodgement in Victim's Body.—Killing Occurs in Dead Man's Residence, where Slayer Evidently Lay in Waiting for Moyer's Return.

Florence, October 29.—Special: Foully murdered within the confines of his own home was the fate of Mr. Elihu M. Moyer, a well known and most highly respected farmer and citizen of the Florence section, about 10 o'clock last night, and Clarence Ham, a ginger-colored negro, about 30 years old, is in jail here, charged by the coroner's jury with being the man who committed the heinous crime, and using Moyer's own gun to kill his victim.

The news of the horrible deed was telephoned in here at an early hour this morning, to the sheriff, asking him to come to Florence at once and bring with him Coroner Cooper, as Mr. Moyer had been found dead on the piazza, supposedly from the hands of a murderer.

Sheriff Goes to Scene.

Sheriff Burch and Coroner Cooper hastily went to the scene, and the news as telephoned in proved to be a reality. The news spread throughout the Florence section with lightning-like rapidity, and it was only a short time before hundreds of people had gathered about the Moyer home, with the hope of gaining some information as to how he met death in such a foul and dastardly manner. All the while, from the time the news became known until the coroner's jury had been empaneled, the entire neighborhood was wrought up and there is no telling what might have happened had it been known at that time that Clarence Ham, the negro now in jail, had had anything to do with the taking of the life of Elihu Moyer.

Did Not Report For Work.

Sheriff Burch had learned that Clarence Ham had been in the employ of Mr. Moyer some weeks ago and had been discharged because he failed to work to suit his employer. Last week, however, Mr. Moyer, agreed with Ham to take him back and put him to work. This morning Ham was the only negro on the plantation who failed to show up, and Sheriff Burch, in order to see what there was in him put him up before the jury to testify. He stated that he had left the place late yesterday afternoon and went to a woman's house by the name of Ethel Wilds last night, where he stayed. While he was testifying Deputy Sheriff Harrell was sent to the Wilds woman's house to bring her also as a witness and while at the house the Deputy thought he would search the premises.

Found Dead Man's Clothes.

He found in the bureau drawer a coat belonging to Mr. Moyer and a pair of trousers. These he took along with him to the inquest, and it proved to be the right evidence on which the murder could be laid at Ham's door, for it was the coat that Mr. Moyer wore last night, and the one he had just divested himself of a few moments before the killing took place, as was sworn to by Mr. Harold Cole, who had accompanied Mr. Moyer to Timmons-ville last night to a protracted meeting, which was being conducted by the Rev. Thomas Letch at that place, and only a short while before Mr. Moyer was slain. Letters and other papers of Mr. Moyer's were found in the pockets to-day, going still further to prove Mr. Cole's testimony and tending to show that Ham is the criminal.

Circumstances of Killing.

The supposed facts of the killing, as made plain to the jury to-day, was about as follows: Mr. Moyer, who was a widower, lived alone at his home, a place recently purchased from Mr. James F. Muldrow and known as the Dowling place, one mile west of Florence and on the Florence and Timmons-ville road. Mr. Moyer had driven over to Timmons-ville, a distance of about five miles, and took with him Mr. Howard Cole, son of Ex-Sheriff W. Press Cole. They went to attend a religious meeting being conducted in Timmons-ville by the Rev. Thos. Letch, and returned home about 10 o'clock, Mr. Cole leaving Mr. Moyer just before reaching Moyer's home to go to his home. Mr. Moyer, as the circumstances showed, had one into his home and was preparing to retire. He had taken off his coat and vest, and was evidently in the act of removing his collar, from a noise behind him, from a closet, evidently turned to ascertain the cause, when he was slain.

Other Shots.

In this condition he evidently tried to make his escape from the house and was fired at again, for weeks of the wash stand nearby. After the light shot out on the piazza he was upon twice, one load of shot and bullet effect in the left side of the body. He was found lying face down on the floor of the piazza, a shotgun, with which he was killed, was lying across a rug on the floor, one loaded shell in the hand of the gun, a rose to make the new plant off of the year.

HORTON FREED BY JURY

NOT GUILTY OF BREACH OF TRUST AND GRAND LARCENY.

A CASE OF SENSATIONS

Young Teller Cleared of Charges Has Accused Cashier of Forcing Him to Sign Confession.

Hampton, Oct. 27.—The jury in the case of Harold Horton, former teller of the Hampton Loan and Exchange bank, last night returned a sealed verdict of acquittal, which was opened when court convened this morning. Mr. Horton was accused of breach of trust and grand larceny. The case has attracted much attention.

A sensational feature of this case was Horton's story, told to the State bank examiner and reiterated on the stand yesterday, that he had signed a confession at the pistol's point, R. O. Bowden, the cashier of the bank, forcing him to do so under threats of death and dishonor if he refused. Horton said that the cashier had threatened to kill him, and leave his body in the bank, pistol grasped in his hand and the confession on a table nearby, thus indicating confessed shortage and suicide.

Horton also said that the cashier had forced him to make out the deposit slips. He charged that Bowden was the man who really got the money.

Managers of the Federal elections are requested to call on Mr. T. S. Richbourg at the store of the Williams Furniture Co. for ballot boxes and tickets no later than tomorrow next at 12 o'clock in the forenoon. The managers at each precinct can delegate one of their number to secure the boxes.

The annual banquet of the Wofford alumni will be held in Dillon on the evening of the 19th. Among the distinguished Wofford men who will be present on this occasion are Judge Woods and Dr. H. N. Snyder. It is probable that Prof. Rembert, of Wofford, will be present also.

Empty Shells from the Gun.

The empty shells from the gun, three of them, were found near the closet door, one on the inside of the bedroom, from which it is supposed the slayer emerged when he fired the first shot.

Left Money in Pocket.

When found Mr. Moyer had his pistol in his hip pocket, which he carried on account of travelling at night, and it had not been disturbed. His watch was found lying on the bureau, where he evidently had placed it when he started to undress. The key, which he always carried in his pocket, to one of the bureau drawers, was found hanging closely in the drawer and no money was found therein, other than a few coppers. On his person, however, was found quite a sum of money, and it is now thought that the negro must have thought that he had placed this money in the drawers and, not finding it there did not stop to search his pockets in the trousers he had on when he was shot.

Mr. Moyer, who was about 55 years old, had been to Florence early yesterday morning and sold several bales of cotton and a wagon load of hogs that he had raised on the farm, and had the money, or at least a portion of it, on his person when killed.

Was a "Red Shirt."

Elihu Moyer was one of the quietest, most peaceable, lovable and highly esteemed, as well as one of the bravest citizens of Florence county. He was a member of Capt. Jack Blackwell's "Red Shirt" Ebernezer troop of cavalry that did valiant service during the dark days of '64 and '78, and was one of the boys who "hung around Florence" and did valiant service in helping to protect the lives and homes of the people during the dark days, when murder, theft and riot reigned supreme in old Darlington, now Florence county, and especially in the Ebernezer and Florence sections. Quiet and unassuming, Elihu Moyer would have faced death readily had he known his slayer was hidden within the secret confines of his quiet and lonely home, but he was slain without warning and could not protect himself.

Lived Alone.

Mr. Moyer was married several years ago to Miss Minnie Harrell, who preceded him some eighteen years ago. He has since lived alone, except when his maiden sister visited him. He was a son of the late Wash Moyer, of old Darlington, and is survived by one brother, Mr. Theodore A. Moyer, and two sisters, Miss Mary Moyer and Mrs. Sarah Munn, all of this county, together with a large and wide circle of near relatives and hosts of friends.

The funeral services will be held at old Ebernezer Baptist church, of which Mr. Moyer had been a member for many years, at 11 o'clock tomorrow, Sunday morning, and the interment will take place in the churchyard adjoining.

The horrible murder has been the talk of the town and county to-day, for all our people knew Elihu Moyer, and all our people knew his slayer, and when the news was first handed out this morning.

NEW HEAD FOR MILLS

W. T. BETHEA BECOMES PRESIDENT OF DILLON AND HAMER.

NO CHANGE IN MAPLE MILL

Important Changes in the Administration of Two of Dillon's Largest Enterprises.

Announcement was made Friday that Mr. W. T. Bethea had been elected president of the Dillon and Hamer Cotton Mills. The change in the management of the mill was made at the meeting of the directors Thursday. Mr. W. M. Hamer, who has been president of the two mills for several years voluntarily retired from the active management, but will retain his holdings in the two institutions.

The change in the presidency of the mill is one of the most important business changes that has taken place in Dillon in many years. Except for a few months shortly after its establishment Mr. Hamer has been president of the Dillon Mill. Shortly after the establishment of the Dillon Mill he organized the Maple Mills, of which he became the president and later he was elected president of the Hamer Cotton Mills.

The past few years have been severe ones for the mills and although other mills have closed down Mr. Hamer has managed to keep all three of his mills running, but the strain upon him has been terrific and he relinquishes the presidency of Hamer and Dillon Mills merely to seek a well-earned rest.

His successor, Mr. W. T. Bethea, is one of Dillon's foremost business men and is thoroughly capable of handling the large business interests he has assumed. For many years Mr. Bethea was, deputy agent at Dillon and when he voluntarily retired from the position to take the position of the cashier of the Bank of Dillon he was given up by the railroad company with reluctance. Had he remained in the railroad circles his rise would have been rapid as it has been in financial circles.

The Bank of Dillon, one of the largest institutions of the kind in eastern Carolina, has prospered greatly under his management, and it is a source of pleasure to his many friends to know that he will still retain the active management of the bank.

Lyceum Attractions.

The trustees of the Dillon School, believing that the people of the town would like some good attractions this winter, contracted with the Alkahest Lyceum for a course of six months.

We have selected a varied set of attractions so that the patrons of the Lyceum will not have too much of any one kind of attraction.

As the Lyceum is primarily for the benefit of the schools, pupils' season tickets will be sold for \$1.50. Adults' single season tickets for \$3.00 and adults' double season tickets for \$5.00, all of which are good for reserved seats.

The reserved seats will be on sale at Evans' Pharmacy two days before each attraction. They will go on sale at 8 a. m. of the second day before the attraction and no seats will be reserved before that time and no telephone orders will be taken before noon of that day.

Henry L. Southwick, president of Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, will read that popular comedy "The Divals." From press accounts and from the accounts of those who have heard him, there is a treat in store for those who are to hear Mr. Southwick.

I feel that all recital and public entertainments gotten up by the pupils and teachers of the school should be open and free to the parents and friends of the pupils and to the friends of the scholars, for this reason, I hope the people will liberally patronize our Lyceum Course as any profit will go to the benefit of the schools.

D. T. Kinard, Superintendent.

Farmers' Union Meeting.

A call meeting of the Dillon County Farmers' Union will be held at Dillon, Saturday, November 12, 1910, at 11 o'clock. All local unions are requested to elect delegates to the county meeting at once. There will be business of importance to come up and will demand a full representation from each local union.

Trusting that the Farmers' Union will be attended largely by all the members and much good be accomplished in the interest of the farmers movement and the betterment of the country at large.

Respectfully,
A. J. C. Cottingham, President.
Frank Sanderson, Secretary.

Dillon Chapter, order of the Eastern Stars, like most orders has not been doing much through the summer, but now that cold weather has come they are taking on new life. At their next regular meeting, which will be Monday night, November 7th, they will have twelve candidates to initiate into the mysteries of the order.

The Dillon Herald, \$1.50 a Year.

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS

THE PUBLIC GETTING ANXIOUS FOR COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

NAMING THE TOWNSHIPS.

Strong and Timely Letter from a Close Observer Urging the Court House Commissioners to Erect Public Buildings.

Editor Dillon Herald:

In the opinion of every citizen of the county of Dillon who has the welfare of the county at heart your editorial of last week in reference to the work of the Court House Commission was exceedingly timely and voiced the sentiment of the taxpayers. It has been nearly nine months since the Legislature of South Carolina put into concrete form the heroic efforts of our people for fourteen long and dreary years to establish a new county. A little over two months after that, the people elected their officers to take charge of our little ship of State in its first voyage in untried waters, they also generously provided the funds necessary for a court house and jail in the baby county, and yet up to this time not one tangible thing has been done by our Court House Commission looking to the building of the court house and jail. Meeting after meeting has been held at an expense to the people of more than forty dollars for each one, and we are no nearer today than we were nine months ago, in bringing to a realization any of the work the Commission started out to accomplish. Why this seemingly unexplained delay and apparent indifference in regard to the purposes for which they were appointed? Is the question that is in the minds and on the lips of every citizen of Dillon county. The people are complaining justly in regard to this everlasting policy of do nothing. Temporary quarters have been provided for the Court and for county affairs at a great expense. The rent for the building is heavy and piling up month after month, repairs on private property have to be constantly made to keep things a little decent and in order and yet the Commission with an available fund in hand of \$25,000.00, the magnificent donation of J. W. Dillon & Son and an authorized bond issue of \$40,000.00 more, not even a site for the public building has been selected out of the number of five sites available.

Why not select the site at once and at least build a jail to keep our prisoners in and stop this great leak of having them cared for in another county? Gentlemen of the Commission get a move on you and do something. Hold a meeting once a month, starting each other in the face, preparing your salary vouchers and adjourning for a like repetition of the same performance a month later.

So, Mr. Editor, keep up the cry of "move on," and perhaps some of us who have children can tell them that our once bright hopes of seeing with our own eyes a splendid court house building and jail will hardly be realized in our life time, yet they or their grand children may see them "some sweet day, bye and bye."

Another matter by way of suggestion. The dividing line between Marion and Dillon counties runs across several of the old established townships of Marion county, leaving a part of these townships in Marion and a part in Dillon county were given no names but were simply numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 by the act creating the county. Now, it is known that only a very small part of the Reeves township, to wit: the fork containing about ten miles and a small strip of Reeves south of Buck Swamp do not embrace enough territory for one township. Neither does that part of Moody township in which Latta is located. Now, it seems to the writer that the Commission should locate new townships along the dividing line and select names for same before the next Legislature meets. Two new townships ought to be formed out of what Dillon county gets from Reeves and the lower end of Manning and Moody. A township for Latta should be formed by moving up the line north of Latta into Betha township, say as far as Catfish church and put the part of Kerby lying next to Catfish creek near Latta in the Latta township.

This is an important matter and ought not to be delayed beyond the sitting of the next Legislature.

Yours truly,
Corburn's Minstrels at the school auditorium Saturday night was without question the best show ever given in Dillon. Dillon was not included in the itinerary of the company, but they had an off night and gave it to Dillon. There were 35 members of the company and each was an artist in his line. The stage was too small to permit the company to give its entire show, but what was given more than pleased the audience. The "Marionettes" or wire dancers itself was worth more than the price of admission. Of course, the company did not get enough door receipts to pay expenses, although the auditorium was pretty well crowded, but anyway they gave Dillonites a performance that would have been appreciated in a large city.

MISS NANCY MCLEOD

TAKES FIRST PLACE.

SENSATIONAL JUMP FROM FOURTH PLACE TO TOP.

W. H. DUNBAR OFFERS PRIZE FOR WEEKLY GAIN.

CONTEST WILL CLOSE AT 12 P. M. ON NOVEMBER 29TH

SUMMARY OF PRIZES.

First Prize, \$400 Piano.
Second Prize, Choice of \$200 Certificate or \$100 Durham Buggy.
(Offered by the Holiday Co.)
Third Prize, Choice of \$175 Rebate Certificate or \$45 Princess Range. (Offered by the Palmetto Hardware Co.)
Fourth Prize, \$150, Rebate Certificate.
Fifth Prize, \$125, Rebate Certificate.
Sixth Prize, \$100, Rebate Certificate.
Gentleman's Prize, A Lewis Plow. (Offered by the Dillon Hardware Co.)

WEEKLY PRIZE.

\$2.50 pair Herick shoes. (Offered by W. H. Dunbar.)
Miss Nancy McLeod, of Birmingham, is first! This was the surprise revealed to the judges when the ballot box was opened and the votes counted on Wednesday morning. It will be a surprise to many others and to Miss McLeod herself a very pleasant one. She deserves and has our warmest congratulations for her excellent work. She overcame the obstacles of cold weather and a severe cold, working unceasingly throughout the week. She has well earned the honor of being the leader at such a warm period in the contest and it gives us pleasure to announce her achievement.

Mr. J. A. McLeod, a brother of Miss McLeod's, is the winner of the Lewis plow given to the gentleman getting the most subscriptions for his contestant. Mr. Daniel B. McInnis was a very close second, he having done some splendid work for his sister, Miss Berta McInnis. To the contestant who receives the largest number of votes between November 1st and November 8th W. H. Dunbar offers a \$2.50 pair of lady's shoes. Mr. Dunbar is joining in the contest generously by putting before the contestants this handsome pair of G. W. Herick shoes. This is evidence of the general interest shown in the contest and also the progressive spirit of Mr. Dunbar.

We have decided to close the contest at midnight, November 29th. All subscriptions must be mailed by that hour to count in the contest. This gives you only four weeks longer in which to work. We do not wish to drag the contest out longer than is necessary, so if you will do your part we will have no difficulty in bringing the contest to a close at that time and thus relieve you of the strain and suspense. You can do wonders in this final month if you will get busy to-day and stay busy until midnight, November 29th.

The double vote offer last week stirred up a number of contestants to unprecedented activity in subscription-getting. Several new contestants also took full advantage of the opportunity to catch up with their opponents who had gotten a long start on them. From now on nothing but pure, hard, unceasing effort will avail in the race for the prizes. With only four weeks longer in which to work, no contestant

who is determined to win can afford to rest from labor. It will take all the time your are able to work to get in a sufficient number of subscriptions to win the Piano or any of the other prizes—eight in all. After you have worked for two months, can you afford to stop with the goal in sight. The nearer one gets to the object of her desires and effort the harder she must work to attain that object. This is especially true in a case like this where there are several others striving for the one supreme position at the topmost round of the ladder of success. Look around over the field and see what territory has not been worked, or write to us and we will put you on to several places which will yield a goodly number of subscriptions. "Do not delay" get to work today.

This week we have omitted the names of all contestants who are not actively working. These names will be kept on file in this office and anyone wishing to vote for one of them can do so. Of course such votes will be credited to them and will be published. We will begin this week to note the standing of the contestants all in one list, instead of separating them by towns. In addition the names of the eight highest ones will be printed in heavy type, in order that you may see who are the leaders for the eight prizes.

Miss Nancy McLeod, Birmingham,	157,150
Miss Maudie Rogers, Dillon,	151,125
Miss May Belle Farham, Birmingham,	103,050
Miss C. R. Fisher, Dillon,	91,550
Miss Ethel McEachern, Hamer,	70,650
Miss Blanche Stanton, Little Rock,	31,400
Miss Berta McInnis, Carolina,	26,000
Miss Anna B. Samson, Dillon,	20,225
Miss Ada Hayes, Latta, R. F. D. No. 1,	19,825
Miss Estelle Ellerbe, Latta,	19,500
Mrs. M. H. McDonald, Pages Mill,	19,375
Miss May Ivey, Cllo,	16,000
Miss Bessie McDowell, Malhory,	16,000
Eastern Stars, Dillon,	15,625
Miss Virginia Britt, Little Rock,	13,175
Miss Cora Gramham, Pages Mill,	11,700
Miss Omega Rogers, Pages Mill,	11,500
Miss Pearl Edwards, Pages Mill,	11,000
Miss May Smith, Carolina,	11,000
Miss Flora Carmichael, Hamer,	10,000
Miss Sallie Moody, Hamer,	9,000
Miss Ida Dunbar, Dillon,	4,500

Judges of Contest.

Messrs. W. T. Bethea, of the Bank of Dillon, N. H. Sprunt, of E. L. Moore & Co., and J. F. Jones.

Votes subscriptions will be governed by the following table:
Subscription 1 year, 1,000 votes
Subscription 2 years, 2,500 votes
Subscription 3 years, 4,000 votes
Subscription 5 years, 7,500 votes
Subscription 10 " 20,000 votes
Subscription 25 " 50,000 votes

CIGARETTE CAUSES FIRE.

Cigarette Ignites Four Bales of Cotton and a Lively Time Ensues.

A boy, a match and a cigarette caused quite a commotion on the public road between Dillon and Little Rock Tuesday morning. Corrie Brunson was hauling four bales of cotton to town for his uncle, Jerome Brunson, who lives out near Hamer. About two miles this side of Little Rock Corrie attempted to light a cigarette and the match fell upon the cotton. In a moment the four bales were blazing and it took some lively work to extinguish the flames before the cotton was badly damaged. Mr. A. T. Corcoran, "The Herald" contest manager, and young Mr. Edgar Stanton, who were returning to Dillon from a trip to through Gallavon, happened to be passing when the cotton caught fire and assisted Corrie in extinguishing the flames. If assistance had not been near at hand it is likely the cotton would have been destroyed. The loss is probably \$20.

A gold ring, set with a large black stone was lost at the fire. The finder is requested to return it to The Herald office.

The Colored Farmers' Association.

Mr. Editor, please allow me space to call a meeting of the colored farmers of this community to meet on the 12th of November, 1910 at Dillon, in the Odd Fellows Hall for the purpose of making a report

from the committee sent out to estimate the amount of corn made on an acre, as I am called to Alabama and Georgia to speak for them, and the parties calling me have agreed to pay my way.

I want the reports in so that I can take them with me to Alabama and Georgia so that we can see what we are doing in South Carolina, from Dillon county, as I will be asked many questions relative to the race question and this is part of my answer.

"Negro organizations and negro enterprises are in order and must be the password and the blood sprinkled over every negro doorstep in America. The white man is not jealous of negro enterprises, as reported by many of the race. It is he himself who makes the distinction and creates jealousy and narrowness against his fellow man. The respectable white man everywhere he is found is in accord with the industrious negro who is trying to do something that he can call his own.

"Nothing would suit the white man better than to see the negroes doing business among themselves. Many a white man does business with them not for the money he gets out of them, but simply for humanity's sake. We see so many instances where the negro keeps running wildly onward and forcing himself where he is not wanted, and many of them because they are made to wait, murmur and complain at their lot."

Yours truly,
C. R. Bethea.